

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0251  
INFO USLO PEKING

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DEPT PASS EA/PRCM

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CVIS PINT CH TW  
SUBJECT: PETITIONS FOR PERSONS RESIDENT IN PRC

REF: HONG KONG 5625 AND 5713

1. REFTELS REPORTED SHARP INCREASE IN ARRIVAL HONG KONG OF PRC  
EMIGRANTS AND PROPORTIONATE INCREASE OF PRC APPLICANTS COMING  
TO CONGEN TO INITIATE IMMIGRANT VISA PROCESSING.

2. WE HAD VISIT TODAY FROM AMCIT WHO PETITIONED (FIFTH PREFERENCE)  
FOR TWO BROTHERS IN NANKING. SHE TOLD US THAT EXIT PERMITS  
FOR BOTH BROTHERS AND RESPECTIVE FAMILIES HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND  
THEY SHOULD ARRIVE HONG KONG WITHIN NEXT MONTH. PROBLEM IS  
THEIR FIFTH PREFERENCE PRIORITY DATES ARE AUGUST 15, 1977  
WHICH IS NOT CURRENT FOR ISSUANCE. TOLD THAT THEY MAY HAVE TO  
WAIT IN HONG KONG SOME MONTHS, AMCIT WAS MOST UPSET, SAYING THEY  
HAVE NO RELATIVES HERE, CANNOT AFFORD LONG WAIT IN HOTEL,  
AND OUR FORM LETTER HNK-13 IMPLIED THAT IMMIGRANT VISAS WOULD  
BE AVAILABLE UPON ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG.

3. THIS RAISES POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE PROBELM. FORM HNK-13  
WAS DESIGNED TO ASSIST IN EXIT PERMIT PROCESS AND WE  
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ASSUMED EXIT PERMIT PROCESS WOULD TAKE SO MUCH TIME  
THAT ANY PRIORITY DATE WOULD BE CURRENT. HOWEVER,  
CUT-OFF DATE FOR FIFTH PREFERENCE ISSUANCE IS PRESENTLY  
MARCH 15, 1977 AND COULD CONTINUE TO LAG IN FUTURE  
OF EVEN BECOME UNAVAILABLE TOWARDS END FISCAL YEAR.  
ASSUMING THAT OTHER PREFERENCES UNDER CHINA CHARGEABILITY  
WILL REMAIN CURRENT, QUESTION IS WHAT SHOULD BE DONE

RESOLVE THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM WITH FIFTH PREFERENCE  
DELAY.

4. THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE THREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO  
RESOLVE THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM. (1) ONE WOULD BE  
TO REWORD HNK-13 LETTER FOR FIFTH PREFERENCE APPLICANTS  
TO WARN THEM IN ADVANCE THAT THEY FACE POSSIBLE  
PROCESSING DELAY IN HONG KONG; (2) ANOTHER WOULD BE  
NOT TO SEND HNK-13 LETTER TO FIFTH PREFERENCE APPLICANTS  
UNTIL PRIORITY DATE BECOMES CURRENT; (3) FINALLY, WE  
COULD ALLOW PRESENT HNK-13 SYSTEM TO STAND AND REQUEST  
DEPT SEEK HUMANITARIAN PAROLE FROM INS/CO ON INDIVIDUAL  
BASIS FOR THOSE FIFTH PREFERENCE APPLICANTS WHO ARRIVE  
IN HONG KONG, FACE LONG WAIT BEFORE PRIORITY DATE BECOMES  
CURRENT, AND WOULD SUFFER HARDSHIP DOING SO.

5. DEPT'S AND USLO'S COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.  
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